Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Sam.l J. May Jr.
February 28. 1854.

My dear Sir;

When I say "my dear Sir"
to you, it has a little more meaning
than I suppose it commonly has
at the head of a letter. This, I say,
to avoid the air of formality which
otherwise might appear in it.

I am glad to be able to
send you, herewith, the extracts
from Mrs. Maria W. Chapman's
Letter to Richard D. Webb,
respecting Frederick Douglass.
— It seems that H. C. Wright wrote
to Mr. Webb, for whatever Mrs.
Chapman had written to him about
Douglass at the time in question. —
Mr. Webb sent him
these, which, after one or two copyings,
have come into my hands in what

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I deem a perfectly authentic
manner. — I will, however,
compare my copy of the extracts with that
in H. C. Wright's possession, and if
there is any variation, will let
you know it.

I should be glad to know
what you think of these extracts?

I have no special news to
give you, I believe. — Father's
health is not quite as good as
it has been, but I do not
apprehend any thing serious.
— My family are now at boards
with me here, for the remainder
of the winter. We have been
here a month. Our healths

have been up & down, and
not of the soundest kind now.
Still, we keep about, in the
mutable weather of this rough
winter.

I hope you got the 25
copies of the Decade pamphlets,
which I sent to you. We
could send you 25 more, if
you wish for them. —

I am, "My dear Sir"
and Beloved Cousin, with
Affectionate Regards to
All your Family,
Very sincerely
Yours,

Samuel May Jr

Samuel May jr
&
Mrs Chapman's
letters.

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